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*Modern Mormon Battalion at Fort Douglas Centennial
Celebration October 13, 1962*



SUP PROFILES



Charles F. Guild

Charles F. Guild of Evanston, Wyoming, was born June 28, 1904 in the Hotel at Piedmont, Wyoming, which was the home of my grandparents.

My grandfather was Charles Guild, who was born in Dundee, Scotland, and my grandmother, whose surname was Vaudois, was born in Piedmont, Italy. They both arrived in Utah in the fall of 1854, with the Robert C. Campbell Company. They were married the next year at Ogden, Utah and later moved to the Muddy Creek Overland Stage and Pony Express Station, which is sometimes known as the Byrne Ranch, and is about twelve miles west of Fort Bridger, Wyoming. They later moved to Piedmont, Wyoming, a station on the Union Pacific Railroad (now a ghost town).

My father died in 1922 and I, as a boy of 18, took over the management, together with my mother, of the large ranch on Muddy Creek. From that time on we had very hard going, due to both drought and depression. By 1934 I was broke and found it necessary to sell all of our livestock and dissolve our Guild Land and Livestock Co. in order to secure a Federal Loan and get going once more. I assumed the liabilities of the company and by the year 1946 I had paid all the debts of the Company

MORMON BATTALION PARTICIPATES IN FORT DOUGLAS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Mormon Battalion made a most credible showing as one of the 18 military units in the parade to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the founding of Fort Douglas. The event was held on Stillwell Field, Fort Douglas, parade grounds October 13, 1962. Ours were the first colors to pass the reviewing stand. Our Acting Battalion Commanding Officer, Col. Elias L. Day, with the other unit Commanding officers was on the reviewing stand, along with the regular Army officers. Col. Alvin Keddington and Col. Marvin E. Smith stood in the formation with the Regimental Commander, Lt. Col. Ray L. Alston led the Battalion as its commanding officer, followed by Sgt. Kenneth Rasmussen. There were eight lines following with eight men abreast, the first line was officers, with Major Earl Hansen the right guide, and the rest of the officers in the last line.

It was an impressive group and caused a lot of comment at the excellence of our marching in the parade with our colors at the head. It was fitting that the Battalion be in the line of march, particularly when it is remembered that there were members of the original Mormon Battalion who were with General Patrick E. Connor among the 750 men who made the march from California to Salt Lake City and founded Camp Douglas on October 22, 1862.

A great deal of interest was shown in the history of the Mormon Battalion by many of those present. It was altogether a most impressive day and the Mormon Battalion won much acclaim. The response of all those who participated is greatly appreciated and it was an honor and privilege to take part in this memorable occasion.

Ray L. Ashton

and was going along pretty well.

I married Ella Lund, a lovely school teacher of Evanston, Wyoming in the year 1947 and we have two very wonderful children, Mary Ella age 14, and James Lund, age 12.

My health has not been too good since 1953 and I have sold my ranch and now live in Evanston, where I keep very busy in Church and civic work. My hobbies are photography and collecting old guns and other Pioneer articles.

I think I know the old Mormon Trail from Fort Laramie to Salt Lake City as well as any living person, having traveled it many times. I am a Life Member of the Wyoming Pioneers Ass'n. and am at present President of the Uinta County Historical Society and I think perhaps the only member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in Wyoming.

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PRESIDENT TANNER AND ALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISH ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



By Vasco M. Tanner

The sons of the Utah Pioneers have laid out before them an important mission. In a world so changing as ours there is need for many voluntary workers who are the real building stones of democratic society. In spite of modern mechanization there are many facets of life that can not be touched by automation. In a free society each of us can help in our own individual way to shape and to enrich an expanding environment and an enduring society.

We are told that the society and civilization we have built must be defended. We are contributing in a financial way for national defense, but what are we doing locally to defend the cultural and historical heritage of this Great Basin culture. It takes the best efforts of many voluntary workers, such as the sons of the Utah Pioneers, to perpetuate, add to, and pass on our Utah heritage in drama, music, art, writing, natural resources and education.

Too little has been done to record through diaries and personal association, with the pioneers and their immediate descendants, the conditions of the terrain, stream flow, plant cover of the valleys and mountain slopes, animals, climate, methods used in choosing and making original settlements, the form of town government and the kinds of records which were kept. Some of the children of the pioneers are still living. In order to bring to fruition the aim of the society, leaders of each chapter should be diligent in getting all information relating to pioneer history that it is possible to

get. An effort should be put forth to seek out the older living descendants of the pioneers, to invite them to become members of the chapter of their area and through their association get their stories and written records.

The executive board members are capable leaders anxious to make the society a dynamic forward-looking organization. It is the aim of the board, this year, to double the enrollment of each chapter, as well as to organize many new chapters. We suggest that the chapter officers divide their responsibilities by appointing membership, program, entertainment, and project committees. The successful chapters have well-planned meetings at which the members and their partners enjoy refreshments or a dinner interspersed with factual and educational presentations. Reports of chapter activities should be sent to Mr. Mack Woolley, editor of the SUP News.

Chapter officers should not be content with the commonplace things, but should dare to develop, in a positive way, many spirited and adventurous programs. We should keep up with a changing world, yet hold fast to the values of our pioneer past.

Opening Ball

Deseret News

November 12, 1889

The grand ball at the Theatre next Friday evening will be the most notable social event of the season: It will be followed by a children's ball on Saturday afternoon. Both affairs will be conducted in an unexceptional manner, for they are in charge of Messrs. J. D. Spencer and Charles E. Johnson, Misses Bertha Bayless, Lizzie Thomas and Crissie Lawson.

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Founding of Fort Douglas

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A tramp of two and one-half miles brought them to the slope between Emigration and Red Butte Canyons where a permanent post was to be located.

Connor camped near the present post cemetery the first night—not far from where Brigham Young — viewing the valley for the first time said, "This is the Place."

The following day a site north of Red Butte Creek was selected for the post. The first orders issued at the new camp were as follows:

"Pursuant to orders from Department Headquarters, a military post is hereby established at this camp, to be called Camp Douglas. The following is declared to constitute the military reserve pertaining to this post: Commencing at a post due north one mile distant from the garrison flag staff, and running thence west one mile, thence south two miles, and thence east two miles, thence north two miles, and thence west one mile, to the place of beginning, containing 2,560 acres, more or less."

As frost already had touched the Wasatch Range, the men lost no time in constructing temporary quarters. The progress made by the command was noted the next February in an inspection report compiled by Connor. He wrote, in part: "The quarters or cantonments are 32 in number and are temporary shelters of tents placed over excavations four feet deep with good stone and adobe fireplaces. They are warm and comfortable, capable of accommodating 12 men each. All are dry, well ventilated, and convenient to good water."

When spring came to the valley, the erection of substantial quarters was begun and completed before winter. The first permanent buildings were erected in 1872. The building now occupied by the Officers' Club was the original Post Headquarters Building and served as such until 1942. The present Post Commander's Quarters was originally enlisted barracks and the CIC Building (small building on the left as you enter the Post from the west) was the Post Bakery.

The officers and men of the newly-established Camp Douglas had little time to make a beauty spot of their site or to construct more comfortable living quarters—the Indians saw to that. Small expeditions were needed from time to time to curb the red men and to make it safe for white settlers in the outlying communities. Connor participated in two major Indian battles after he established the post. The first was the battle of Bear River in January, 1863. The second was the battle of the Tongue River on August 29, 1865.

General Connor was perhaps best known as an Indian fighter and was cited on several occasions for his handling of these frontier clashes. The life of Connor and his volunteers was not easy. The Indians and the usual hardships of the period were not alleviated by military problems of that day—troops were oftentimes hard to obtain and harder to hold. Connor was ever plagued by the administration's lack of a well-defined Indian policy.

The troops were scarcely settled for the winter when they were called out to aid the settlers and trappers in what is now southern Idaho in their fight against raiding Indian parties. Connor mobilized 300 men for this encounter and the ensuing battle was the last major Indian fight in the Territory. In bitter cold and deep snow, January 1863, Connor's men set out for Bear River. At least 70 men became casualties enroute, due to frozen feet. Porter Rockwell, famous Mormon scout, guided the party.

General Connor is best remembered today for his founding of Fort Douglas and for his ability as an Indian fighter.

General Connor has been described as the "first gentile of Utah." Certainly, he exercised a greater influence economically and politically on the territory than any other so-called gentile of his day. Not only was he "father of Utah mining," but he introduced the first daily news-

paper in the state. Forgotten, too, is his mastery of diplomacy. It was no easy task to bring his armed contingent to the territory among the LDS pioneers who had been widely persecuted, who came to a desert land that no one wanted, who felt secure in the haven they had wrested from nature. It must have taken deep understanding and sympathy to prevent hostilities between his forces and the settlers.

To Connor's credit also must go his foresight and belief in the future of Utah. He pioneered in mining, was first to use electric light in the state, was first to operate a steamer — his "Kate Connor" — on Great Salt Lake.

November 20, 1863, saw the first issue of the Union Vedette, a weekly newspaper, which Connor caused to be published for the benefit of his troops. The weekly became the first daily in the territory under the title of "Daily Vedette."

Early in his stay at Camp Douglas, General Connor permitted his troops to prospect when military duties were not pressing. Many discoveries made by the men furthered the mining industry in this state.

Meantime, came the mustering out of the original California and Nevada Volunteers, who had made the march to Utah. This took place in July 1866. Connor was brevetted a Major General of Volunteers as of March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious service, and declined a commission as Colonel in the Regular Army because of his mining interests. General Connor then located at Stockton, Utah, to pursue mining. The Great Basin Mine, purchased by Connor in 1865, was incorporated in 1879 and underwent much development. He also owned, in whole or part, Silver King, Quandry, Catherine and Joseph, all near Stockton; was interested in the Eureka Tunnel and Silver Peak in Eureka, Nevada, and a coal mine on the Weber River in Utah. Connor continued to exert an influence in the state for the next quarter of a century.

In his 71st year, about the beginning of his last illness, he was sitting in his Walker House hotel office in Salt Lake City when one of his soldier friends asked concerning his health.

"How many of the old command are here?", he asked in reply to the question.

"Why?", was the response.

"Because I was wondering," he said, "whether there were enough to act as pallbearers."

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SUP Profiles



Edward B. Perkins

Edward B. Perkins was born in Magna, Utah, October 24, 1913. He is the son on George Perkins and the grandson of George Washington Perkins. George Washington Perkins was born in Macedona, Hancock County, Ill. At the age of twelve, he crossed the plains to Salt Lake Valley, arriving in 1848. At the age of 17, he returned to Missouri with ox teams to meet immigrants left on the plains.

He was a pony express rider for nine years, carrying the first Presidential message from Washington, D. C. to San Francisco. His division was from Egan Canyon to Ruby Valley, a distance of fifty miles which he rode in two hours. He also drove the first stage that went from Salt Lake to San Francisco around the north end of Great Salt Lake. On this trip he and his companions, John Mayfield and Dan Thomas were robbed of the mail and animals, and the Indians burned the stage coach. They walked from Hombolt to Ruby Valley, a distance of one hundred and thirty-five miles without food or water.

Edward lived the early part of his life in Magna, Utah. He was president of the Teacher's Quorum, and President of his M Men group. He attended Cyprus High School. He moved to California in 1934, and has been active in the church and in bus-

iness affairs. He is the owner of Perkins Machine Company, and Fuline Refreshment Service. He was president of the Sixth Quorum of Elders in La Cienega Ward, Inglewood Stake for two years. He has also been Sunday School Superintendent of La Cienega Ward, Secretary of the Aaronic Priesthood, been on the Santa Monica Stake High Council. He has been first counselor in Westdale I Ward Bishopric, and Bishop of Westdale Ward for six years. At present, he is President of Santa Monica Stake High Priests' Quorum.

He married Ida Harris of Magna, Utah, and they have five children, three girls, and two boys. He also has seven grandchildren.

He has served as Vice President of the Mar Vista Property Owner's Association, and is active in Scouting, and other civic affairs.

He was president of the California Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers during 1950-51, when the California chapter was host to the Mormon Battalion Trek in 1950. Ceremonies were held in San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino. In San Diego, the Battalion marched through the city to Percidio Park, where flag raising ceremonies were held commemorating the arriving of the first Mormon Battalion. The trek then proceeded northward, where they were met by President George Albert Smith, and governor Lee, of Utah, for a banquet and ceremony at Knott's Berry Farm. Then on to Los Angeles, where the Battalion paraded in full dress to the flag raising ceremonies held at Los Angeles City Hall in commemoration of the Mormon Battalion raising the first American flag over any California Fort. Speakers on the program included: Mayor of Los Angeles, Governor of California, Governor of Utah, President George Albert Smith, President of the Church, and many others. The trek then proceeded to San Bernardino, to be met by the Mayor and movie celebrities, as they were the hosts of the San Bernardino Orange Show.

Edward Perkins helped to design and manufacture the Mormon Battalion book ends, and the SUP rings which were given as momentos on the famous trek of 1947, of which he was a member.

BOOK REVIEW

by Virgil V. Peterson

American Heritage, October, 1962, Vol. XIII, No. 6, American Heritage Publishing Co., New York, \$3.95 (\$15.00 annually).

The October issue of this colorful hard-cover magazine of history carries a feature article of great interest to the nearly 2,000,000 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as well as to thousands of other readers and students of History. Entitled, "The Farm Boy and the Angel" this 18-page article, authored by Carl Carmer, is the first of a series on Mormon History that will be published in *American Heritage*, all of which are a prelude to a book on the subject to be published by Doubleday.

Author Carmer, although a "gentile," has a broad concept of the Mormon question and its historical background and his treatment of the subject is accurate and fair.

This issue also contains ten other articles including "The Courtship of Woodrow Wilson" and "The Electoral College: Does It Choose the Best Man?" The articles are illustrated with 113 pictures, 65 of which are in color.

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California S. U. P. Leaders Repair Monument

by William Ray Quist

On October 20th of this year, President Romney Stewart, 1st Vice President Louis T. Smithson, 2nd Vice President Ray Quist, 3rd Vice President S. E. Sessions, 4th Vice President Edward B. Perkins, 1962 officers of the Southern California Chapter of The Sons of Utah Pioneers and their wives, met at Sycamore Grove, (near San Bernardino, California) for the purpose of restoring the Pioneer monument. It was erected in June 1927, by Fred Klein, owner of the Sycamore Valley Ranch on which it stands.

Its purpose was to honor the Mormon Pioneers, sent there by Brigham Young to purchase lands in that area for the church. Capt. Jefferson Hunt, Amasa Lyman, Charles C. Rich, David Seely and Andrew Lytle camped there about two weeks in council for this purpose.

Many descendants of these men are now residents and active members of the church in Southern California.

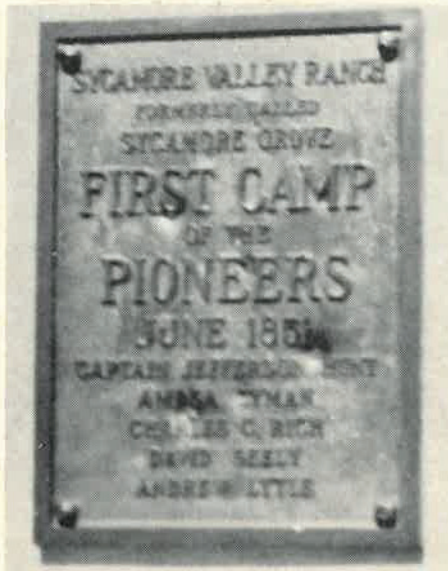
The officers feel that this was a most worthy undertaking. The monument is located by a main highway and can be seen for miles across the valley, it also overlooks a beautiful grape vineyard.

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Death came on the evening of December 17, 1891, while the veteran campaigner slept in his bed. The funeral was conducted three days later. Thousands viewed his body as it lay in state, clad in the uniform of a Major General. On December 21, 1891, with the Sixteenth U. S. Infantry acting as escort and with local military and civilian organizations completing an impressive funeral cortage. General Connor again moved along the route traveled by the volunteers in 1862 through Salt Lake City to Fort Douglas.

Lieutenant Colonel Fred B. Rogers, author of "Soldiers of The Overland," ended his book on General Connor and his volunteers with this paragraph: "In the shadow of Red Butte, the sentinel which looks down upon the scene of his labors, at the very spot where he had camped first, the general again bivouaced with his volunteers."

The ensuing years found Fort Douglas still a primary Army instal-



lation. During the Spanish American War the Utah Light Artillery was trained at Fort Douglas and hence took a major part in the war. There was little activity of consequence at Fort Douglas until 1917 when America entered World War I. Shortly thereafter a Prisoner of War Camp was established at Fort Douglas. As a reminder of this era there exists a large community grave in the southwest corner of the Post Cemetery where 21 German Prisoners of War are buried, having succumbed to influenza while interned. For a number of years after the first World War the 38th Infantry Regiment, "Rock 'O the Marne," was stationed at Fort Douglas. During this period Fort Douglas was one of the few Army Posts retained after the war. At the outbreak of World War II Fort Douglas assumed a position of prominence when the War Department decided to move the Ninth Service Command Headquarters from San Francisco to Utah. Once again, in 1945, a Prisoner of War Camp was established at Fort Douglas; and as a reminder of this area, there remain today graves of 1 Japanese soldier, 41 German soldiers and 12 Italian soldiers who died while interned at the Fort.

Fort Douglas' 100th Birthday—on 22 October, 1962—having served its government and the people of Utah and Salt Lake City in particular for the past 100 years. General Connor and his many comrades still lay a rest in the peaceful serenity of the Post Cemetery, now marking the original campsite of the volunteers who came to Utah.

Fort Douglas remains with its many original buildings of native stone which were constructed during the period 1872-1876. Among these original buildings are the 32 sets of officer quarters that now surround the large parade ground known as Stilwell Field. The 22 enlisted quarters, which are presently on Fort Douglas, were originally constructed in 1883.

Fort Douglas has a new mission, one which is in keeping with the present day cold war threat. It is now essentially the headquarters for logistical support of the U. S. Army Reserves and the National Guard Units throughout the tri-state area—Utah, Idaho and Montana. It is further known as the home of the 96th Infantry Division.

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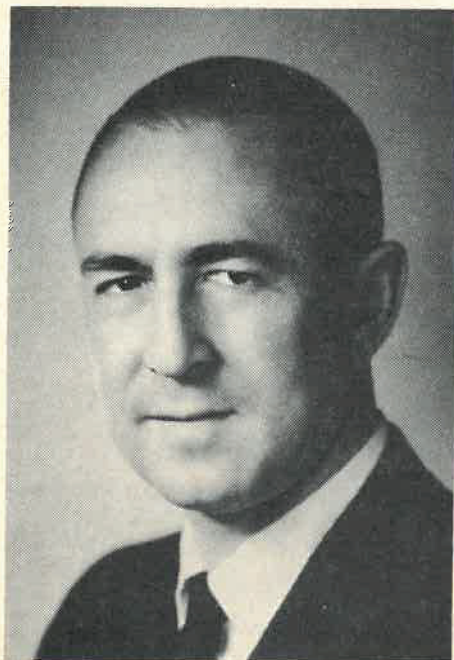
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Foley C. Richards

"When he was little he was an angel, but when he started growing up he nearly drove us nearly crazy!" So says the mother of Foley C. Richards, past president (1961-62) of Pioneer Chapter, Salt Lake City. His humor-loving, restless and frequently willful nature seemed to be the cause of his parents' anxiety.

Brother Richards, a great-grandson of Dr. Willard Richards, counselor to Brigham Young, was born in Salt Lake in 1922. He is the younger son of Albert Z. Richards, Sr. and Irene Seegmiller. His mother's father was William Henry Seegmiller, early leader in Richfield, Utah.

Foley attended school in Salt Lake where he took an interest in science, art and composition. Though he liked chemistry his grades could have been better had he tended more to business and less to finding out how many combinations produced explosives.

He entered the University of Utah in 1940. Studies here were interrupted by a call to the New England Mission, and subsequent service in the U.S. Maritime Service and the U.S. Army. As a missionary under Pes. William H. Reeder, Jr., a member of the Pioneer Trails committee, he first became seriously interested in his pioneer heritage.

Brother Richards received his B.S.

degree in business management at the U. of U. in 1948. He immediately began a career as an agent with the Equitable Life Assurance Society. However, he is now Sales Manager of the Solar Salt Co. in Salt Lake, having started as its first salesman in 1951 when the company was in its infancy.

Foley found excitement in his work with this new company. It called for imagination and pioneering. This produced new ideas for the industry. One such idea arose from experiments in his kitchen sink. Here he developed an unusual piece of equipment for washing salt. This is now in use at several locations in the United States and Mexico.

He married Beverly Beesley, daughter of Wilford A. Beesley and Evangeline Thomas, in 1945. They have a daughter and two sons. He is on the High Council of Olympus Stake, and formerly served as Bishop of the Holladay 9th Ward. He is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and serves on the public relations committee of the Utah Manufacturers Association. His hobbies include landscaping, woodwork, art, fishing and skiing.

Brother Richards is a charter member of the Pioneer Chapter and served three years as vice president of that group.

BOOK REVIEW

by Virgil V. Peterson

Handcarts to Zion 1856-1860 by LeRoy R. and Ann W. Hafen. The Arthur H. Clark Co., Glendale, \$9.50. Pioneers Edition, \$4.95.

Working as a historial team Roy and Ann Hafen have garnered the commonly-known facts of the saga of the handcart pioneers and then have plowed out and uprooted much additional source material, heretofore unknown, to make this the definitive work on this peculiar mass migration. It is infused with the authors' conviction of the same ideals that brought Dr. Hafen's own mother by handcart at the age six from the hills of Switzerland to the valleys of the mountains.

If this volume does not do justice to the subject it is because the written word like the spoken word fails to fully encompass and convey the depth of heroism, the strength of courage and the power of faith that led these dauntless trekkers across a veritable wasteland of 1300 miles to a haven in Zion.

Branded as one of the most remarkable travel experiments in the chronicles of Western America this

migration involved almost 3000 men, women and children who coaxed their fragile two-wheeled carts over an inhospitable terrain of mountains, deserts, streams and plains. It was a rewarding experience for those who made it, but many were buried along the trail, victims of summer heat and destructive blizzards.

This unique travel experiment was a product of necessity. Converts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were urged by the missionaries to migrate to the "Promised Land." Often ostracized by family and friends these mid-nineteenth century adherents to an American-born religion were immediately fired with a gregarious urge and conviction so great that obstacles and sacrifices failed to deter their going. So great in number were these emigrants that a dearth of wagon transportation soon occurred, thus was born this unusual plan of travel from Iowa City to Utah.

This volume is well-documented and has an interesting sprinkling of illustrations and a good index. The authors treat their subject in chronological order covering the period 1856 to 1860. Over 100 pages are devoted to appendices which include a roster of all handcart company members. Included also are the sermons and epistles of Brigham Young and other Church authorities advocating the handcart plan and the conference addresses of the Church leaders answering the criticisms of the tragedies of the Willie and Martin companies who were trapped in Wyoming in the unseasonal blizzards of 1856.

This book covers an important segment of American history and should find place in the hearts and book shelves of most of the serious students of Western History as well as many of the 500,000 descendants of the handcart pioneers.

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A LIFE TIME IN THE THEATRE

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By Maurine M. Carman



David McKenzie

It would be interesting to those of us who would like to envision what a leading actor of the 1850's was like. A word description of him can hardly do him justice, but it is said by people who knew him well that the characteristics you at once noted were his sparkling and snappy eyes, his fine speaking voice filled with depth and emotion, his exquisite diction, and his remarkable mind. He was tall, fine looking, and perfectly proportioned. Probably his most predominating characteristic was his extreme consideration and courtesy to others. He was a perfect gentleman, and it was an inspiration to talk to him. Others say that he was "the typical tragedian of those days," and "the Church has never had his peer as a Bible Scholar."

Speaking of being a student of the Bible, David lectured regularly at the Brigham Young Academy in Provo (now the Brigham Young University) on the Bible. He was a frequent speaker at the Tabernacle.

An example of ingenuity, and genius of these early day people of Utah is displayed in the character of David McKenzie. Besides having

time to cause the girls' hearts to flutter at three performances a week, he was ordained in to the first seven presidents of seventy; was a lieutenant colonel in the 1st regiment infantry 2nd brigadiers, 1st division of the Salt Lake Military district; was a high priest and a member of the high council of the LDS Salt Lake Stake; was elected a member of the City Council of Salt Lake City; served as private secretary to Brigham Young (and was closely associated with him); and was president of the Scottish LDS Mission in 1874. (While on his mission he was called to Liverpool to take charge of the publication of the Millennial Star.)

One of the highlights of his memo books was the notation that on Monday, February 28, 1859, he married Mary Ann Crowther, with Brigham Young performing the ceremony. There were 14 children born to them.

Many things have been written of David McKenzie and his own memoirs were published in the Deseret News many years ago, but perhaps some of the most noteworthy and appropriate of these were as follows:

George Pyper, later manager of Salt Lake Theater said of him, "David McKenzie, probably the most accomplished of local actors, after appearing with and coaching the Home Dramatic Club, retired to his modest labors in the Church Offices, until his death in 1912." Horace G. Whitney said, "David McKenzie who, probably with most justice can be called the dominating figure among the home players of those days. . . ." "The figure of David McKenzie appears in the picture, always alert, springy of step, polite and ready, a marvelously quick 'study,' who often took home a part of 40 or 50 pages and appeared at rehearsal next morning 'dead letter perfect! . . .'"

"... The heroines, of course, always fell as naturally to 'Senath Adams, as did the heroes to David McKenzie. . . ."

"... April 1, 1880, when 'The Romance of a Poor Young Man' was brought out, David McKenzie lending invaluable aid as 'Coach-er,' giving us the benefit not only of his own great talents, but the 'business' he had received from George Pauncefort in the same play 16 years before. . . ."

Heber M. Wells, Governor of Utah — "In my opinion the best

local actor the Salt Lake Theater may be said to have produced is David McKenzie. I believe those of you who remember his Danny Mann, his MacDuff, his Money-penny and his Jacob McCloskey will agree with me that he would have achieved the highest success if he had chosen the stage for a profession."

Data concerning particular personal appearances and the capacity of the house are cited by David as follows:

"... On Sept 13, 1869, I played Richmond to Neil Warner's Richard III, Macduff to his Macbeth, and Polonius to his Hamlet. So in this capacity I supported Madame Scheller, Amy Stone, Lee Hudson, Charles W. Couldock, Mrs. F. W. Lander, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bates and others until Oct. 19, 1872. I thought I was now through. Eight years later, having been engaged by President Taylor to look after the interest of the Theater I was coaching the 'Home Club.' Accordingly I played Jacob McCloskey in the 'Octoroon' the club defraying all expenses, to a thousand dollar house. Six months later I played once again. Mr. Bandman was under contract to play Macbeth. The orchestra and witches had been under rehearsal for the full choruses, when Mr. Bandman telegraphed to cancel his engagement. Rather than any loss accrue, I played Macbeth in his stead and had an \$890 house." (The size of the audience is really outstanding when you consider that the admission was 50 and 75 cents at the time.)

Concerning President Brigham Young's interest in the theater, the noted thespian cited the following incidents:

"President Young was ardently devoted to theatrical entertainments, especially those of an amusing character. He said to the audience on the opening night of the Theater, 'If I had my way I would never have a tragedy played on these boards. There is enough tragedy in every day life, and we ought to have amusement when we come here.' He was equally interested in the amusement of the dance, but not in favor of waltzing. It was indispensable with him that all these entertainments should be conducted under the terms of the strictest morality. As early as 1854 he personally attended our rehearsals. He had his car-

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1947 TREKKERS HOLD ANNUAL REUNION



Some of 1947 Trekkers at Pioneer Village

by Walter A. Kerr

The 15th Annual Reunion of the Centennial Trekkers Nauvoo-Salt Lake, 1947, was held Thursday evening, October 4th at Pioneer Village. Judge Joseph G. Jeppson, Camp Commander was in charge. Trekkers from Oregon, California, and all parts of the state were present. Nora P. Richardson was in charge of the decorations which consisted of sun flowers, golden glow, potted plants and pioneer lamps. The favors were pieces of granite from the quarry in Little Cottonwood canyon. Two 1947 plywood oxen gave color to the occasion. Alvin Keddington led the song "Come, Come Ye Saints," Leah A. Lloyd as accompanist. The invocation was offered by Lorenzo Hatch.

After a fine dinner, served by the Distinctive Caterers, Judge Jesse Rich of Logan gave an interesting talk about his grandfather, Charles C. Rich and his family. Judge Rich was the speaker at Montrose on the trek west in 1947. Dorothy Kimball Keddington and Nora P. Richardson sang pioneer songs and Parley P. Giles showed a large scrapbook presented to the L.D.S. Historical Society by the trekkers. This scrapbook contained press clippings from all over the United States which appeared during the Trek. Giles made some interesting comments. A Pioneer skit, written and directed by Clair Likes, was a feature of the evening. Byron J. Openshaw was the narrator and Richard Keddington, Acel Richardson, Nora P. Richardson, and Ruth Fox Shields were the principals in the skit.

The following officers were elected for the years 1962-1963:

Camp Commander, Parley P. Giles; Captain of the First Hundred, Stanford P. Darger; Captain of the Second Hundred, W. Claudell Johnson; Captain of Fifties, Ralph G. Smith; Captain of Tens, Linnell N. Lunt; Captain of the Guard, D. James Cannon; Camp Recorder, Walter A. Kerr.

"Jane Eyre"

From Deseret News
November 12, 1889

This famous romance by Charlotte Bronte has become classical, and will ever be regarded as a literary creation of striking and peculiar merit. Miss Thompson performs her own adaption of the novel, in which she has preserved, and presented in effective groupings, its strong and salient features.

The performance in the Theatre last evening of this fine and powerful play was an intellectual treat of a very superior order, and was thoroughly appreciated as such by the large audience present. Of Miss Thompson's acting it may be said that, while it may not have been of a kind to class her among the great emotional actresses, it possessed a naturalness, simplicity and general effectiveness more moving upon her auditors than the conventional work of the greatest actresses oft times is. She threw a spell over her auditors last evening, and many of them were quite melted at times.

She was splendidly supported by William Yearance, as the cynical, snappish, but really noble "Lord Rochester." The comedy element depended mainly upon "Jacob Buttercup," a servant and "Archille D'Leon," a Frenchman, the former personated by E. H. Stevens, and the latter by Richard Valentine. Both characters were splendidly rendered. The parts of "Mrs. Reed" and "Lady Ingram" were rendered only fairly well. The "Mrs. Fairfax" of Mrs. Howard was excellent and was a pleasing and important figure in the drama-picture. The "Brockelhurst" of Mr. Ecnary was capital, and Mr. Anderson is evidently a good actor, but he had only a minor character, that of "Col. Dent." As a whole the company is a good one, and well balanced.

Tonight Miss Thompson will appear in the attractive drama "Hearts Astray."

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riage convey the lady performers from home to the Social Hall and return, on every occasion so as to avoid the society that might embarrass them after performances. These rehearsals and dances were invariably opened with prayer. He sternly opposed the habit of smoking and drinking on the part of the performers, and insisted that the playhouse ought to be as sacred as the Temple, and might be made so by the proper conduct of those who were engaged in it. He used every reasonable means to inculcate these views, but President Young was no autocrat and his good councils were not always enforced although not altogether heeded. Yet I know of several instances where improper conduct on the part of performers caused their instant dismissal."

It is with great nostalgia that we reminisce on these never-to-be forgotten days, and with wonderment we admire this man. Ironically, his showmanship carried through to the end, as he died in 1912 on the last day of the Salt Lake Theater's jubilee celebration, thus closing the career of "one of the most energetic persons on the Utah stage" and "one esteemed by many to be the foremost actor produced by this state."

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ON THE MOVE WITH MORMON BATTALION

by Marvin E. Smith

MANY EXCITING activities seem to be constantly taking place. No sooner did our tour return from Canada and the World's Fair than we accepted the invitation to attend the fabulous Golden Wedding reception of the Merritt Nortons. It was a privilege to meet their large and outstanding family. Bro. Norton is one of the "Color Guard" for the Battalion. He and his wife took their golden anniversary trip with the Battalion tour to the Seattle Fair.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Col. Elias L. Day on bagging a large bull moose on the Bear River hunt, and still being alive to tell of it. Dropping the animal at 100 yards, Col. Day was charged by the bull when he arrived at the scene. Fortunately he was able to drop the beast again while both were on the run.

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BATTALION meetings resumed in October on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. However, a new meeting place has been assigned. The Salt Lake City companies now meet in Building 102 B, north entrance, at Fort Douglas.

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ARMISTICE day ceremonies on down town Main Street found the Battalion taking a notable part on Saturday, Nov. 10. Major Frank R. Goodman was in charge. Col. Elias L. Day gave the prayer which was quoted by the newspapers.

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THE BATTALION has been invited to participate in the famous Arizona parade to be held at Tucson next February. Plans are now under way to make this trek a reality. Col. Fred M. Reese will be in Salt Lake December 13 to meet with the Battalion at its next meeting to bring more details of the trek. He has invited the group to stop overnight at his Brandon Motel in Kanab, Utah.

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THREE MEN were honored with promotions in rank for special services rendered to the Battalion. They included Judge Jesse Rich, Logan, Howard Lichfield and William Erickson of Salt Lake City.

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SUPPORT for the restoration of Saltair, Pioneer Park and a Pioneer auditorium to be erected at Pioneer Park, was voted at the last meeting. CHAPLAIN JOSEPH S. BEN-NION and wife returned from a

wonderful tour which took them to the Holy Land.

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OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the bereaved in the following deaths: Earl Hansen's mother, Ray Davis of Provo, and John W. Stewart, father of Irene (Mrs. Marvin E.) Smith.

PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS of recent activities were enjoyed by a group of nearly 60 people who met at Frank's Sporting Goods Store, 3040 Highland Drive, Nov. 13. Congenial hosts were Mary and Frank Goodman. Colored slides reviewed such events as the treks to Seattle,

Flaming Gorge, Washington, D.C., Inaugural and parades at St. George Centennial, Provo July 4, SLC July 24, and ceremonies at Camp Floyd, Civil War Vets Monument at Capitol, MB Monument at Capitol, and Military review at Ft. Douglas centennial. Guests were present from Smithfield on the north, to Lehi on the south. Refreshments were served.



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Col. Fred Reese, commanding officer and Col. Elias L. Day, executive officer, with Lt. Col. Marvin E. Smith (who should be contacted immediately if you want to make the trek with your partner) urge all Battalion members, who have not their own uniforms to order them now. It takes three weeks to get these hand-tailored suits ready.

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Henry Pullman invites you to see their large plant and lines and appreciates being chosen for the honor of "dressing" the Battalion. *Adv.*

Members Who Have Passed Away Since Last Issue of SUP News

Death Takes President Of Golden Spike Chapter

Mirl R. Mason, 65, mayor of Howell, Utah, died Wednesday, October 17th at his home after a heart attack. Born Feb. 17, 1897, Willard, to Joseph H. and Elizabeth Wood Mason. He married Veda Barker on July 28, 1917 in Ogden, and they were married later in the Salt Lake Temple, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Bro. Mason moved to Howell in 1918 and was active in his Church, in civic affairs, ASC Committee member, president of Golden Spike Chapter, SUP.

Survivors include two daughters, and son and daughters, Dr. Reese D. Mason; Mrs. Sharon (Marlene) Archibald, Tremonton; Mrs. Ken (Naone) Godfrey, Brigham City; Mrs. Hal (Glade) Nielsen, Downey, Idaho; 16 grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. LaVon Ward, Ogden; Mrs. Veda Skanchey, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Izie Rae McAllister, San Mateo, Calif. Burial was in the Riverview Cemetery, in Tremonton.

Albert J. Hutchings, Crash Victim

Dr. Albert J. Hutchings, 74, a St. George dentist and his wife, enroute to Salt Lake City for Thanksgiving, were killed Sunday, November 18, when their car skidded into the path of an oncoming truck.

Dr. Hutchings was a member of the SUP belonging to the Dixie Mission Chapter. He had been practicing dentistry in St. George for 35 or 40 years and was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was born February 5, 1888 at Beaver to James A. and Sarah Coplan Hutchings. He was married to Anna Marie Olsen, Feb. 6, 1909 at Richfield. She died Aug. 13, 1929. He married Neila Canfield Lightner April 6, 1944 in St. George.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Lorna) Masterson, American Fork, and Mrs. John (Carmen) Worsencroft, Salt Lake City; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; also a brother, Dr. M. O. Hutchings, St. George, a dentist, and a sister Mrs. A. R. (Irene) Croft, Ogden.

It is a good maxim to trust a person entirely or not trust him at all. Success never floats on the surface, you must dive deep to get your share.

Denis J. Murphy

Denis J. Murphy, Utah's "Mr. Softball," died Monday, November 5th, 1962, of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Murphy had been engaged in merchandising since childhood, with the exception of the last 12 years he worked in the adult athletic program of the Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County Recreation Department.

At the time of his death he was director of Adult recreation for the County Recreation Dept.

In 1936 while working for Auerbach's he was approached by several female employees who wanted the store to sponsor a women's basketball team. This was the beginning of the Utah Shamrocks, who in later years became the perennial state women's softball champions. In later years Mr. Murphy was the manager-sponsor of the Shamrocks.

Denis Murphy was born August 17, 1884 in Salt Lake City, a son of John C. and Violetta Lindsey Murphy. Lindsey's Gardens is named after his grandfather, a handcart pioneer who designed the seal of Utah.

He is survived by an aunt, Mrs. Clarence (Rose) Lindsey Curtis, and eight cousins.

He was very active in fraternal and civic affairs. He was the Secretary of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Luncheon Club, past president of Antelope Island Chapter No. 3, International Footprinter Assn., and a member of BPOE Lodge No. 85. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Clarence W. Silver

Clarence W. Silver, a member of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club, died of natural causes Sunday, November 11, 1962 in a Salt Lake hospital. He was 67 years old at the time of his death. Mr. Silver had been in the electrical business in Salt Lake City since 1917, when he established the C. W. Silver Company, which has been an outstanding electrical firm since that time.

He had always been active in his Church as well as civic affairs. He served for several years on the L.D.S. church's General Building Committee.

Mr. Silver was born in Salt Lake City, May 3, 1895, the son of Joseph A. and Mary Ellen Watson Silver. He attended the L.D.S. College in Salt Lake. He married Mamie

Richards December 15, 1915 in the Salt Lake L.D.S. Temple.

He is survived by his wife and the following four sons; Clarence R. Silver, Lynn R. Silver, Roy R. Silver, Larry R. Silver, all of Salt Lake City, all of whom are members of the C. W. Silver Co. organization, and the following daughters: Mrs. Richard G. (Marjorie) Smith and Mrs. George C. (Bonnie) Haymond of Salt Lake City. He is also survived by 22 grandchildren and six brothers and sisters.

Samuel Brooks

Samuel Brooks, 76, 1998 McClelland St., known for his thoughtfulness in phoning birthday greetings to more than 1,800 persons, died Tuesday, October 23rd. He was born June 10, 1886 in St. George, a son of George and Emily Branch Brooks. He married Winifred Parry in the Manti Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on December 24, 1919.

Mr. Brooks was living in Lincoln Ward, Granite Stake at the time of his death. He was a high priest and served in many Church capacities, including the offices of a seventies quorum president, a stake missionary, and a Young Men's Mutual Improvement Ass'n Superintendent.

Mr. Brooks worked as a miner in Park City, was a government surveyor, a school teacher, and postal clerk during his life. He retired after 31 years service with the post office, and at the time of his death was employed as an accountant at the Church's Welfare Square.

Sam Brooks sometimes referred to himself as "only a postal clerk," but to thousands he will be remembered always as the friendliest man in all the world. His cheery voice over the telephone rang with the glow of his happy spirit. Deep, genuine sincerity characterized his greetings — very personal greetings — as he inquired as to the health of the family and recalled delightful experiences of days gone by.

Mr. Brooks was the first student to register at Dixie College. He also attended the University of Utah and Brigham Young University. A veteran of World War I, he served with the 91st Div. 348th. Field Artillery.

Survivors include his wife, eight brothers and sisters, and sons and daughters: Mrs. Clarence G. (Beverly) Walker, George T. Brooks, Samuel Brooks, Jr., all of Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Carl (Barbara) Merrell, Tooele, and 15 grandchildren.

SUP Profiles



S. Ross Fox

I was born August 2, 1899 in Salt Lake, the sixth child in a family of nine born to Jesse Williams Fox and Rosemary Johnson. Father first married Ruth May Fox, who bore him twelve children—so there was a total of 20 brothers and sisters, all whom have helped contribute much to my life.

Father was a civil engineer and also ran the Western Shoe & Dry-goods store—located where the Uptown Theatre now stands. He homesteaded a farm in Bennion and in 1900 this became a 'haven of refuge' following financial losses occasioned by the panic of '93.

Mother was born in a tent in St. George, Utah and inherited a love of the soil from her father—which proved of great value to her as she was left with most of the direction of our farm. Brigham Young instructed the saints to plant orchards, so 65 of our 102 acres went into fruit trees, which provided plenty of work for the children. We were members of the Bennion Ward.

I attended the 64th district school, where nine classes met in three rooms, and we transferred to the Plymouth School in Taylorsville for the 5th to 8th grades. Later I attended Granite High and L.D.S. Business College.

Our City home was located at 130 Vidas Avenue in the Central Park subdivision, so named by father after a visit to 'Central Park' in New York City. We were members of the Burton Ward in the city. I was selected as vice president, then president of the Burton Ward M Men class—one of the first of these groups in the Church.

I was the first missionary called from the Central Park Ward. Returning from the Central States Mission in January, 1928 — I married Blanch South the following September 28th. Through her lineage and mine our children have eleven pioneer ancestors who crossed the plains and six native born, or a total of seventeen Pioneer ancestors. One of my grandmothers, Julia Hills Johnson, died at Council Bluffs. I had the privilege of covering the Pioneer trail with the Centennial Trekkers in 1947.

My Church activities have taken me into the Mutual, Choir, Sunday School, Genealogical Society, president of the 196th Quorum of Seventies, Burton Ward Bishopric, Columbus Ward Bishopric, South Salt Lake Stake presidency as 2nd counselor for 10 years, 1st counselor, 2 years and Stake president, five years. Also at this time I served as vice chairman of the Jordan Valley Welfare Region. Poor health required my release as Stake President and necessitated surgery (thyroid). I have since been called as President of the South Salt Lake Stake High Priests' Quorum and then as Stake Patriarch, which positions I still hold (1962) as well as a member of the Stake Welfare Committee and High Priests' Group leader of the Jordan Valley Region.

I have spent most of my business years with the Deseret News Press, with the exception of a few years at the Seagull and Giles Press. I have held many different positions within this organization. One of my honors is to be a member and past-president of the 'Old Timers' Club' and to represent the Deseret News as president of the Printing Industry of Utah and director of the Printing Industry of America. I have held membership in local civic clubs and offices here also. My daily work has thrown me in with men of the highest calibre, including close contact with the General Authorities of the Church, which I count as one of my choice blessings.

We have been blessed with six special children in our home, as well as one foster (Indian) child (John Yazzie) who spent five years with us. Ross, Jr., Richard, Joyce, Thomas, Charles and Jesse Edward and the three oldest with their companions have presented us with seven grandsons and two granddaughters.

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Remarks by Robert E. McCabe

One hundred and fifteen years ago a great dream began to come into fruition. On July 23, 1847, the advance party of a great exodus turned the first furrows, commenced the building of a dam, and cut the irrigation trenches that marked the beginning of the outstanding colonization movements in the history of man. Five days later site was struck for a temple and a city was begun to be laid out according to plan.

From practically the four corners of the earth, converts to the Mormon faith came to build a new Zion. They came by all forms of transportation known to that day. They came across the seas in boats, they came out from the East Coast by rail, they came on horseback and in Mormon Schooners and in crude wagons — they came on foot across the plains and mountains often carrying their meager belongings and rations in handcarts. Their faith was great and their plans were bold!

They flowed into this hard land that no one else wanted, and by virtue of tremendous effort, strong leadership and outstanding organization they husbanded the ground and made it bountiful. Under President Brigham Young's able leadership they attempted to convert Joseph Smith's utopian City of Zion concept into adobe, wood and stone. They were at once an agrarian and a city-building people. They built not for the moment but for the millenium. They built surely, they built with purpose, and they built with plan.

Their original plan and specifications, established in the eighteen thirties, were striking concepts in community form. Because I find their plan significant to modern city planning practices. I will recall a few of the details.

The plot of each city in the new Jerusalem was to be one mile square. Each city block was to contain ten acres and twenty lots. Lots were to be laid out alternately in the blocks—in one fronting north or south, in the next east or west—each lot extending to the center line of its block, with a frontage of 66 feet and a depth of 330 feet. By this arrangement, in one block houses would stand on one street, and in the block opposite on another street. Through the middle of the city a range of blocks, 660 feet by 990 feet, would be set apart for the public buildings, with the temple in the center. All streets were to be

132 feet wide and a like width was to be laid out between the temple and its surrounding streets. The whole area was supposed to be sufficient for the accommodation of from 15,000 to 20,000 people, with sufficient adjoining ground on all sides to be reserved for supplying the city with its food requirements. But one house was to be built on a lot and that must front on a line 25 feet from the street. Each house was to be built of either brick or stone and the space in front was set out with trees, shrubs and other planting according to the builder's taste. All stables, barns and farm buildings were to be built north or south of the city, none being permitted in the city among the houses. As each city began to approach its maximum density a new city site would be struck, again surrounded by farm lands adequate to provide the city with its substance.

This plan, although often modified, became the model for Mormon villages, towns and cities. It was simultaneously a long-range master plan, a zoning ordinance, and subdivision regulations. It set forth land use controls, divided public from private use, established densities, green belts, and much of what we now try to achieve through municipal and county legislative machinery.

My concern is not with the Mormon faith except insofar as it is a *fact* in Western history and insofar as is a current *factor* in the present development of the West.

While most American cities grew by whim and caprice, the cities of other early Mormons started their growth under the guidance of plan. The great tragedy for the citizens of Utah is that as this land grew and prospered, your cities have gradually become less and less distinguishable from the typical American city—with its artless character and lack of charm, with its mixture of incompatible land uses and pockets of blight and deterioration. You share the problems of adjusting to rapid growth, fringe area development, obsolescence and decline of your central business districts and, like your counterparts in cities across the Nation, you find areas in your cities where the tax base has sorely diminished while the demand for all types of public service continues to rise.

The forte of those early pioneers was their ability to accept challenge. They had an unswerving faith in

the future and in their abilities to build a land and great cities in the face of the most trying conditions. They challenged themselves to achieve great goals and they proceeded with fortitude toward the realization of those goals.

City building is, however, a day-by-day, year-by-year process. There is nothing permanent about a town or city except its own entity. Streets are paved, torn up, repaved; old structures give way to new; new buildings crowd areas where gardens flourished; religious temples are enhanced by the passage of the years but once elegant office buildings and hotels find themselves in life or death struggles with new, rude competitors.

A full set of sound, up-to-date codes, consistently and ably enforced is the cornerstone for any community building or renewal effort.

However, even a solid cornerstone does not promise that the structure will be worth inhabiting. Only the development of a long-range, comprehensive plan, coupled with a practical, action program for achieving the goals of the plan, can bring you the promise of an environment worth working toward.

The pioneers who reclaimed this arid land proceeded with design. The generations that followed attempted to continue to build and expand without the requisite deep, thoughtful reassessment and redefinition of goals and objectives that enable the construction of a framework in which new buildings and new development can have *community* as well as individual purpose. In community building it is most important to remember that the whole can either be more or less than the sum of its parts. Through a good program you can assure that each brick and board that is set in place furthers accomplishment toward fruition of your ultimate goals and objectives.

Borrow from the boldness of those early pioneers who ignored the scoffs of those who said this arid lands could not be husbanded and that cities could not be built in Utah. An ancient writing says that you shall not be judged by what you have done but by what you have *not* done, but could have.

Submitted by S. Ross Fox

*Don't laugh at the customer ...
Laugh with him.*

BOOK REVIEW

by Virgil V. Peterson

J. E. J.: Trail to Sundown. Cassadaga to Casa Grande 1817-1882. by Rufus David Johnson. Deseret News Press, Salt Lake City. \$6.50.

This is the story of the great pioneer and entrepreneur, Joseph E. Johnson. Born in the Cassadaga Lake Country of western New York in 1817 he traversed most of the continent, exploring, conquering, and building on the frontier. An early convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints he was firm to its principles and propounded its doctrine at every opportunity. He was energetic and of a restless nature, a quality which kept him and his families on the move most of his life. The father of 29 children, he married three wives under the principle of plural marriage. He died at the unripe age of 65 in the Casa Grande area of southern Arizona near the present city of Tempe. His death was premature because his philosophy of life called for more worlds to conquer.

The author of this volume, Rufus David Johnson, was born the 29th child of J. E. J. and was but 10 weeks of age when his father passed away. His presentation is most delightful and although the book is intended to fill a need among the descendants of J. E. J., it is most captivating to any reader of western history and particularly those with Latter-day Saint background. The writer has drawn on many materials heretofore unused, such as letters, diaries, broadsides and newspaper articles. The volume contains a liberal sprinkling of well-produced photographs, most of which are of J. E. J. and his family.

Joseph E. Johnson was a man of numerous talents and is perhaps best known for his frontier journalism. He established the Council Bluffs *Bugle* in 1852, which he edited and published 'till 1856. In 1854 he initiated the *Omaha Arrow*, the first newspaper published in Nebraska. He is often referred to as "Omaha's first editor." The *Crescent City* (Iowa) *Oracle* was founded by him in 1857, and the following year he started the *Council Bluffs Press*. In Wood River, Nebraska, where he moved in 1859, he published the *Huntsman's Echo* and in 1863 he established the *Farmer's Oracle* at Spring Lake Villa in Utah County. After moving to Utah's Dixie in 1865 he published *Our Dixie Times* and later the *Rio Virgin Times*. For

several years he published a monthly called the *Utah Pomologist and Gardener* and also started the *Silver Reef Echo*.

This pioneer of the press also did job printing. He usually established a retail store wherever he settled and often concocted herb formulas for mild illnesses. He was a good gardener and nurseryman and through his civic interests many of the areas where he lived were left more beautiful because of his plantings. It is interesting to note also that his son, Rufus David, author of this volume, was state-county agriculture inspector for Salt Lake County and was Salt Lake City's first tree warden.

In Council Bluffs, J. E. J. served as postmaster and as a member of the city council, having been responsible for changing the name of the city from Kanessville to Council Bluffs. He was elected to the Nebraska legislature but never took his seat. He was a late comer to Utah, moving there in 1861. However, he had made the trip out and returned to Iowa in 1850.

This volume is a tribute to a man of great vision, whose imprint for good was left in many quarters. His descendants are numerous and the Joseph Ellis Johnson Family Committee are to be commended for preserving and making available to his ever-growing posterity and to the public the story of one who did much and left much.

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Rebecca Winters' Grave

by Howard R. Driggs

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By a long, long trail
Where a tired mother sleeps.
The grasses sigh
As the winds pass by
And the stars their vigile keep.
The grave was made
Years, years ago
When the pioneers went West;
One mournful day
On that weary way
Another was laid at rest.
On a wagon tire, old yet strong
They cut this mother's name
To mark the mound,
Then with sobbing sound
Went on, hearts filled with pain.
The grasses hid that lonely grave,
Stars kept their watch o'er the trail
Through the long, long years
Till new pioneers
Came to lay their iron trail.
The grave was found by these
rugged men,
It stood in their right-of-way,
Yet with thoughtful care
They left it there,
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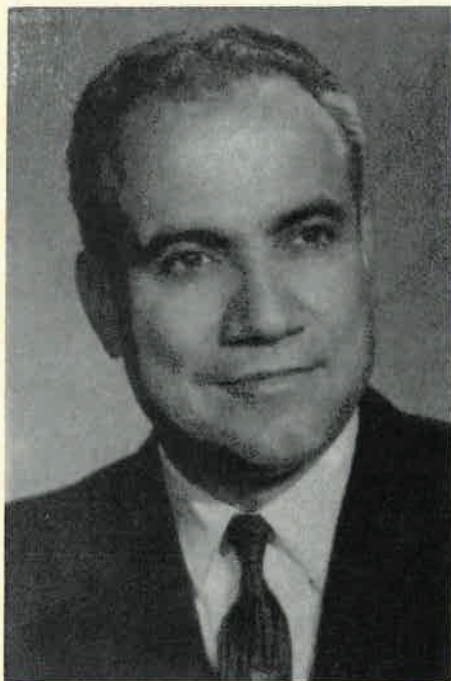
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Charles R. Bird

Charles R. Bird, first vice president of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers Luncheon Club, and his wife, Marian, live at 3205 Harmony Circle. Marian and Chic are the parents of seven daughters ranging in age from 24 to 3 years of age: Mrs. Kent B. Linebaugh (Sherron), who with her husband live in Carmichael, California where her husband is serving as an officer in the Judge Advocate's office at McClellan Air Force Base; Mrs. Phillip Dayton Thorpe (Linda) Salt Lake City; Mrs. Gary L. Anderson (Annette), Salt Lake City, and the following daughters living at home: Connie, Donna, Marcia and Julie.

Brother and Sister Bird have been members of the Tabernacle Choir for 26 years following in the footsteps of Chic's mother and father who together served in the choir a total of over 60 years. Also in the musical area, this couple are members of the Clark Tab-Chorale Chorus. Chic has been a member of the Swanee Singers Male Chorus for 26 years and is presently president of this group. He has served as president or as an officer of the chorus for over 15 years.

In church activities, in addition to membership in the Tabernacle Choir, Chic has served as chorister, teacher and Sunday School Superintendent

and member of the Sunday School Superintendency for 7 years.

His position with the Utah Copper Division of Kennecott Copper Corporation is in the Industrial Relations Department where he is responsible for management development. In addition he is presently vice chairman of the budget committee of the United Fund and has served as a member of this committee for the past 3 years; is president of an investment club, Mountairre Associates; treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of the Bingham Gas and Oil Company; member of the business advisory committee of the University of Utah's Institute of Technology Training; secretary of the Charles H. Bird Family Association, and in past years also served as officer of the Bonneville Kiwanis Club.

In his "spare time" Chic sings with the Starliners quartet and gives freely of his time and talents for various civic and church activities.

Chic's claim to "Son" status is through his grandfather, Charles Heber Bird, who arrived in Utah in 1864 with a wagon train, although he walked almost the entire distance to make room for the aged and small children.

His father, Dr. Charles William Bird, is a member of the "Luncheon Club" and is the oldest practicing dentist in the state of Utah. Included in Chic's immediate family are four sisters (one deceased) and a brother.

Grave Marker Found on Plains

submitted by Elwood S. Winters

"In Memory of Rebecca Burdick, Wife of Hiram Winters." "She died a faithful Latter-day Saint, August 15, 1852, aged 50 years, while making that memorable journey across the plains with her people to find a new home in the far distant Salt Lake Valley. She gave her life to her faith; her reward will be according to her works. This monument was erected in 1902, her centennial year, by her numerous descendants in Utah."

The story of locating her grave back in 1899 and the erection of the monument in 1902 caught the spirit of the nation.

In the early part of 1899 the Burlington Railroad Company decided to construct a line of track from its line at Alliance, Nebraska, southward to the Platte River Valley and then westward in the Platte River Valley to Wyoming.

An engineering and survey party was organized. F. T. Darrom was in charge of the survey party that included Verne Hedge as topographer. His duties were to establish the legal corners of the different subdivisions of the land through which the proposed line was being located, and then tie the center lines to these different corners.

In carrying out this duty, Mr. Hedge, one day, in kicking the sagebrush aside for a place to set a stake for the center line, discovered a wagon tire. He picked the tire up and discovered, chiseled in a rather crude manner, the inscription, "Rebecca Winters, Age 50 Years."

The surveyors were about to set the stake for the center line just at the point above the grave. "Let's go back to the transit man and report that the center of this railroad if constructed where we have now located it, would desecrate the grave of a pioneer mother."

It was necessary to go back some distance so as not to disturb the pioneer burial plot.

Shortly after the Burlington Railroad constructed its new trackage, the company built a fence around the spot. For a number of years, E. F. Despain, section foreman for the district saw that the land was properly cared for. He put down a well adjoining it, and each day on his trip out or in he watered the grass and flowers that he had planted.

Mr. Despain's labor of love was eventually assumed by the Katahdin Chapter, DAR.

"From a broken emigrant wagon a tire had been carried along by a fellow pioneer family. This tire was cut in two, and, so that some memorial of her resting place might remain, William Reynolds sat up through the night and with a chisel engraved upon the rim: 'Rebecca Winters, Aged 50 years.'

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Early Life of Louis F. Moench, Founder of Weber Stake Academy

by Walter A. Kerr

Ludwig Frederick Moench was born in Neuffen, a small town in Germany. The Kingdom of Wurtemberg was at this time a center of education. The University of Tubingen, the gymnasiums and common schools were highly rated. Louis F. Moench was young enough to be vividly impressed and old enough to remember the fundamental principles of the strictly formal education of the German schools.

The parents of Louis F. Moench were Christian Ludwig and Elizabeth Barbara Hass Moench. Father Moench was a tanner by trade and owned the village tannery. When Louis was six years old, financial difficulties made it almost impossible to provide satisfactorily for a family of sixteen children. Louis was the eleventh child.

Christian Moench had some relatives and friends in the New World. Letters picturing the chance to get ahead were so impressive that Christian Moench left the old homestead in 1832 and settled near Buffalo and started a tannery. Frau Moench carried on in Neuffen. Her greatest comfort was her nine year old son, Louis. Even at this young age, this son was a very good reader who read to his mother from the Bible. Frau Moench died four years after her husband left for America. The father's wish was never realized that he would bring his whole family to their new home. Several children had also died of malnutrition. However, the motherless family came to America in 1856.

The first years in the New World were difficult for Louis. He longed for an education. The work at his father's tannery and the two mile walk to school were not conducive to the education Louis longed for. His father thought that two years in the village school were enough and so he apprenticed his son to the trade of tannery. When not at work the young man was studying whatever

books he could find. One day as he was on his way to school he picked up a Spencerian Copy Book. The beauty of the specimens impressed him greatly, and he then made up his mind to become a great penman. He practiced hours, days and weeks. In the prime of his life, he was undoubtedly the greatest penman the State of Utah has ever produced. He became an artist with his pen.

Louis F. Moench's thirst for education could not be satisfied at the village school and so he decided to go west. He arrived in Chicago probably in 1863 and soon found work at a tannery. He studied at night and took private lessons in English to improve himself. In later years his English was perfect. He registered at Bryant-Stratten College, very famous and well known at the time.

Louis F. Moench and a friend, Henry Allen Truscott decided to go west. Their journey was marred when the two young men were about fifty miles from Salt Lake. One day after hunting and fishing, they returned to camp to find that fire had destroyed everything they had. Hot ashes and wind had done the damage. They rode their horses bareback into Salt Lake City. A kind Mrs. Farr on North Main Street took them in and instead of hating the Mormon City they soon loved it. Mrs. Farr's great faith and her devotion to her church made a great impression on the two young men. The Book of Mormon placed at the head of each bed had a great effect and so the wanderers joined the Mormon Church.

The Commercial School of the University of Deseret opened in the fall of 1867 and Louis F. Moench registered. The principal, David O. Calder, was so impressed with Louis' writing that he offered him a position, and he accepted.

Louis was very popular, and at the first student assembly he was the Main Speaker. On November 10, 1869 the first Lyceum was organized. Dr. John R. Park was the President and Louis F. Moench the secretary. In those days the professors were allowed to teach private lessons and received five-sevenths of the tuition realized. The young teacher was Professor of German, Penmanship and Drawing, which position he filled with distinction, 1868-69. He was also chosen to teach in the Select School to which President Young and others sent their children.

Dr. John R. Park's ambition to make the University of Deseret a great institution of learning had to be curtailed on account of lack of funds, and so Louis F. Moench and others were released. Lorenzo Snow who had become a dear friend asked Professor Moench to come to Brigham City and open a Select School where he taught successfully for two years. Charles W. Nibley was one of his star pupils.

In 1872 Apostle Franklin D. Richards and other leading citizens persuaded him to come to Ogden where he opened the Ogden Seminary. Students flocked to his school. One of his most charming and talented pupils was Ruthinda E. Hill, whom he married in 1874, and who taught with her husband for several years and helped him in his great educational career.

In the year 1875 new honors came to the young school teacher. He was chosen County and City Superintendent of Schools, which position he held for eight years. He not only supervised the schools, but he also audited all books and signed the financial reports.

The selection of Louis F. Moench as Superintendent of Schools in Weber County opened a new era. He had come to Ogden City with the understanding that he would be supported in the many improvements which he would propose. He built new school houses and beautiful school grounds; he worked for better salaries and better teachers. The Ogden City schools soon were recognized all over the state and teachers and educators came to visit and inspect, among whom was Eliza R. Snow. Professor Moench inaugurated teachers institutes in Weber County and was called upon to lecture all over the state. State Supt. John Taylor asked him to visit schools and instruct teachers in Northern Utah.

This great school activity came to an end, for a time at least, when Louis F. Moench was called upon a mission for the L.D.S. Church (1885-88). While in Europe he wrote many articles and translated others and published *Der Stern*. He traveled much and absorbed what he saw which prepared him for the great mission later. Probably no one man in Utah influenced more people educationally, trained more teachers and had the influence in the school building program than Louis F. Moench. His name will forever ring in the Hall of Fame of Weber County and Ogden City.

The Martin Harris Grave

by Harold H. Jensen

The Sons of Utah Pioneers who attended the National Encampment at Logan on August 17-18-19, 1962 visited the grave of Martin Harris, one of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon. The grave is located in Clarkston, Utah, on the west slopes of Cache Valley. Bro. Harris died in Clarkston July 10, 1875 at the home of his son. The grave is marked by a beautiful granite monument which was dedicated by President Heber J. Grant, July 10, 1925. The shaft was unveiled by Russel Harris, the oldest living grandson of Martin Harris.

While we were at the grave sight, Bro. A. L. Higgin gave a wonderful talk on the man, Martin Harris, and gave me the following by Bro. George Godfrey who knew Bro. Harris very well. Bro. Godfrey died Nov. 10, 1933.)

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Testimony of Martin Harris

by George Godfrey

During the life of Martin Harris one of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon, I had ample opportunity to become well acquainted with him, having met him for the first time at Salt Lake City, Utah, near the year 1867, as my memory serves me, and at that time considered it a privilege to shake hands. Later he moved to Smithfield, Cache County, Utah, and later moved to Clarkston, same county, where he died, in the year 1875.

Prior to his death and in his last sickness I sat up nights with him in connection with my brothers, John E. and Thomas Godfrey, both of whom now reside at Clarkston, they can both make affidavit to the things I am herein stating. Many times I have heard Martin Harris bear witness to the truthfulness and genuineness of the Book of Mormon. At times when he was enjoying good health and in good spirits, and when he was on his death bed. His testimony never varied. I have seen others and I myself have tried to entrap him relative to the testimony which he bore, by cross questioning him relative to the scenes and events which are Church History in connection with the bringing forth of the Book of Mormon, and upon all of these questions his mind was as clear as it is possible for the human to be. His testimony has left no trace of doubt in my mind that he actually conversed with an angel, who bore witness to him of the truthfulness of the records contained in the Book of Mormon. That he saw and handled the gold plates from which the records were taken. A few hours before his death and when he was so weak and enfeebled that he was unable to recognize me, or anyone, and knew not to whom he was speaking. I asked him if he did not feel there was an element of fraudulence and deception in the things that were written and that were told of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, and he replied as he had always done so many times in my hearing, and with the same spirit that he always manifested when enjoying health and vigor and said;—

"The Book of Mormon is no fake I know what I know; I have seen what I have seen, and have heard what I have heard. I have seen the gold plates from which the Book of Mormon is written. An angel ap-

peared to me and others and testified to the truthfulness of the records and had I been willing to perjure myself and sworn falsely to the testimony I now bear, I could have been a rich man, but I could not have testified other than I have done and am now doing, for these things are true."

I prepared the grave and assisted in the burial of Martin Harris in the Clarkston graveyard, where the remains now rest.

Written on October 29, 1921.

Testimony of Martin Harris

A number of young men with myself went to see Martin Harris. On the way one of them said, "You are the oldest, you ask him some questions." When we got there I did ask him. Brother Harris do you believe the Book of Mormon is true?" He said, "No I do not believe it, knowledge supersedes belief. I know it is true. The Angel showed me the plates and I heard the voice of God declare they were translated correctly."

He was very earnest and sincere in his testimony.

Thomas Godfrey John E. Godfrey
John Butters Charles Shumway
Alma Jensen



Battalion Begins Trek

Lt. Col. Elias L. Day, left, and Lt. Col. Sheldon R. Brewster, of the modern Mormon Battalion, chat with Mrs. Kate B. Carter, president of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, before leaving on bus trek of route that Mormon Battalion took 100 years ago.

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Nephi J. Brown

My father, Thomas B. Brown, a cabinet maker from England, came to Salt Lake City in 1855. He told me of gathering dried sunflower stalks from the sides of Main Street for kindling. He was in Salt Lake City during the Johnston Army episode. He worked for Dinwoodys when their store first opened in 1857, and he made the first extension dining room table in Utah for Governor Cummings. In 1863 my father moved to a farm in North Ogden. For six years prior to the coming of the railroad in 1869 he walked from North Ogden to Salt Lake City, forty-four miles, each spring and fall to attend the General Conference, and very greatly enjoyed hearing President Brigham Young and the other great brethren speak. He had two wives. He was sixty-two years old when I was born. I am the youngest of eighteen children, and I am now seventy-five years old.

I was born February 18, 1887 in North Ogden, and grew up on a farm. After graduating from the county schools, I attended the Weber Stake Academy, from which I graduated. And I had the great pleasure of having President David O. McKay as one of my teachers. The academic and character building lessons I learned from him will stay with me as long as time endures.

In 1909 and 1910, I filled a two-year mission in London. For four

months during the summer of 1909, Elder Walter P. Monson and I, together with six other Elders, conducted a bureau of information at the International Exposition at Earl's Court under the direction of President Charles W. Penrose. From 20 to 30 thousands people were in attendance each day. Our booth was called "Utah and her People." During that time we distributed about 200,000 tracts, sold 6,000 books, and preached the gospel to representatives of 42 different nations.

I labored in the Bishopric in North Ogden, and also in the Ogden 8th Ward Bishopric. I was a member of the Ogden Stake High Council.

For some time I was a member of the North Weber Stake High Council.

I was a member of the Ogden Tabernacle choir for 25 years, and for ten years served as its president.

For several years I was a member of the Ogden Utah Power & Light Co. male chorus, and also belonged to the Ogden Male Singers Glee Club.

In Salt Lake City, I was supervisor of various ward teaching districts; worked on Senior Aaronic committees; and was a member of four different ward choirs in Salt Lake City.

For 12 years I sang with the Salt Lake Utah Power & Light Co. Chorus. For 16 years I was a member of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, and greatly enjoyed the tours with the choir. I was superintendent of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir Sunday School.

Over the years I have sung solos at hundreds of funerals, and various public meetings and celebrations.

I worked for the Utah Power & Light Co. for nearly 48 years; 35 years in Ogden, and nearly 13 years in Salt Lake City. I was head of the Ogden Accounting Collection department for 28 years. In Salt Lake I worked in the General Office in the Insurance and Hospitalization department under the supervision of Dr. Adam S. Bennion. After retiring from the Power Company, we moved back to Ogden.

In 1911 I married Vilate Taylor of Harrisville. She died in 1933. We had three wonderful daughters and there are now 12 fine grandchildren.

Twenty-four years ago I married Miss Olga Carlson of Logan. She has been a member of the Primary General Board for the past 22 years.

I have been a member of the Ogden Kiwanis Club for 27 years.

Over the years, I have sung in 35 performances of the Messiah in Ogden and Salt Lake City.

I have been a member of SUP for a number of years, and have enjoyed it very much.

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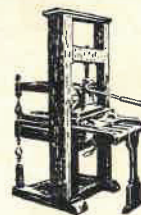
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